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WILDFIRE READY ONLINE SERIES

BEGINS WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

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The following information is offered by Utah State University. Being a western state neighbor to Utah, we share many of the same concerns around wildfire risk. This online program begins Wednesday September 23, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. MDT and [REGISTER NOW](#) is available.

The online learning series is offered as communities across Utah and the West are grappling with unprecedented wildfire risk leading to a serious and urgent need for more publicly available and easily accessible information around wildfire resilience.

To be responsive to this need, this fall USU Extension is hosting “Wildfire Ready Utah” – a free online learning series through the GNAR Initiative, developed for people closest to the risk: property owners in the wildland-urban interface, communities sharing boundaries with public lands, and the local leaders trying to help them get ready.

This series features five sessions:

- **SESSION 1** — When Every Minute Counts: A Personal Wildfire Evacuation Playbook (September 23, 2026, 1–2 p.m. MDT)

How to personally prepare for a fast-moving wildfire — understanding evacuation routes, and what a 1-day, a 1-hour and a 15-minute evacuation order each actually require of you.

- **SESSION 2 — Behind the Fire Line: How Wildfire Response Works (Sep–Oct 2026)**

First responders and emergency managers discussing the “behind the curtain” parts of an emergency, and how communities can support those efforts during a crisis.

- **SESSION 3 — After the Smoke Clears: Lessons Learned from Communities (Oct 2026)**

Lightning presentations from several small, rural Western communities recently impacted by wildfire — the key lessons from the aftermath, and what they wish they had done differently.

- **SESSION 4 — Insurance Under Fire: What Drives Wildfire Risk and Rates (Nov 2026)**

Insurance experts on how the industry calculates risk, what they are seeing on the ground, and how personal and community actions may improve rates and availability.

- **SESSION 5 — The Future of Wildfire & Communities (Nov–Dec 2026)**

A panel of USU wildland fire experts discussing how wildfires have changed over time, what the future looks like, and how we can all be better prepared.

If interested, [Learn More](#) at this link.



Picking Up Litter in Favor to the Land

KSB is openly recruiting more litter lifters.

Currently, there are two open routes awaiting just the right person to keep them clean:

- **Upper Red Rock Loop Road** from Red Rock High School to the low-water crossing sign just before Red Rock Crossing Road;
- **Red Rock Crossing Road** from Chavez Ranch to Crescent Moon (You do not need to go into Crescent Moon to pick up litter there. Our permit with Yavapai County specifies just the road itself);
- **Dry Creek Road** from State Route 89A to North Slopes.

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If interested, contact Wendy by email at ksb2@keepsedonabeautiful.org and leave your phone number for a return call.



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